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FROM AMBASSADOR FOR VEST

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PDIP, PINT, YO
SUBJECT: CALL ON DEPUTY FONMIN MOJSOV

1. I'VE THUS FAR BEEN RECEIVED VERY CORDIALLY BY GOY. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL MET ME AT AIRPORT JUNE 16TH AND BY JUNE 17TH I HAD MADE OBLIGATORY CALL ON DEPUTY FONMINISTER MOJSOV (AN IMPRESSIVE FELLOW). HAVE APPOINTMENT WITH VP DORONJSKI JUNE 21ST TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS, SO FROM THEN ON I'M OFFICIAL AND YOU WILL HAVE TO TREAT ME WITH RESPECT.

2. MOJSOV WAS WARM AND CHARMING BUT, IN TRUE YUGOSLAV FASHION, COULD NOT RESIST A FEW BARBS. AFTER PASSING ON GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY VANCE, I EXPRESSED OUR DEEP REGRETS OVER NEW YORK INCIDENT. THE ONLY SOLACE I FOUND IN IT, I SAID, WAS THAT CRIMINALS WERE IN CUSTODY AND NO DOUBT WOULD RECEIVE PUNISHMENT THEY SO JUSTLY DESERVED, AS HAD TWA HIJACKERS. MOJSOV RESPONDED ALONG FAMILIAR LINES, BUT IN LOW KEY. HE POINTED TO LONG RECORD OF UNPUNISHED ATTACKS ON YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS AND PROPERTY IN U.S., AND IMPACT OF SUCH INCIDENTS ON OUR BILATERALS.
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HE HAD ANOTHER PIECE OF "BAD NEWS" TO PASS ON, DEMONSTRATION BY ALBANIANS IN WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT QUICK INDICTMENT OF NEW YORK TERRORISTS (WHICH IS A VERY HELPFUL STEP FOR WHICH DEPARTMENT OUGHT TO THANK NYC AUTHORITIES) AND CONFIDENCE THAT USG WOULD DO WHAT IT COULD TO PREVENT SUCH INCIDENTS IN FUTURE.

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3. I TOLD HIM THAT I SAW MY MISSION HERE AS ONE OF
IMPROVING ALREADY GOOD RELATIONS. I PLANNED DO THIS QUIETLY,
NOT VIA PRESS. MY PARTICULAR PRIORITIES INCLUDED BEGINNING
A POLITICAL DIALOGUE WITH LEADERS IN GOVERNMENT AND
PARTY, SETTING UP EARLY WARNING SYSTEM SO THAT MULTILATERAL
ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED BETWEEN US BEFORE THEY BECAME
PROBLEMS, FOSTERING COOPERATION IN MILITARY FIELD, AND
STRENGTHENING ALREADY GOOD ECONOMIC TIES, PARTICULARLY
THROUGH JOINT VENTURES, EXPANDED TRADE AND COOPERATION
IN THIRD COUNTRY MARKETS.

4. MOJSOV SAID HE THOUGHT MY PRIORITIES WERE GOOD ONES.
IN PERSONAL AND OFFICIAL CONTACTS "ALL DOORS WOULD BE
OPEN TO ME". JOHN BAKER, WHOSE VISIT I HAD MENTIONED,
WOULD BE WELCOMED AND MY IDEA ON EARLY WARNING SYSTEM
WAS SHARED BY GOY, AS LONG AS SUCH CONSULTATIONS WERE
BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT, NOT PRESSURE. YUGOSLAVIA,
TOO, WAS INTERESTED IN IMPROVED MILITARY COOPERATION,
MOJSOV SAID. HE ALSO AGREED ON IMPORTANCE OF QUIET
DIPLOMACY; MY PREDECESSOR HE SAID HAD NOT ALWAYS
BELIEVED IN ITS VIRTUES. YUGOSLAVIA IS OPEN COUNTRY
STEADILY MOVING TOWARD MORE DEVELOPED SOCIETY. FIVE
YEARS FROM
NOW IT WILL BE DIFFERENT STILL.

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5. I AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PERSONAL CONTACTS
AND UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING MUTUAL RECRIMINATIONS
AND SUSPICIONS ABOUT MOTIVES.
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